

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

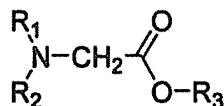
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-27. (cancelled)

28. (currently amended) A method of shrinking a skin pore or inhibiting parakeratosis comprising:

using a glycine derivative represented by general formula (1):



(1)

(In general formula (1), each of R₁ and R₂ independently represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aminomethylcarbonyl group, or an aralkyl-carbonyl group; and R₃ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group, or an aralkyl group. However, R₁, R₂, and R₃ are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms)

~~applying an effective amount of a parakeratosis inhibitor agent comprising at least one or two or more compounds selected from a group consisting of glycine derivatives as well as the salts of the glycine derivatives to shrink a skin pore.~~

29. (cancelled)

30. (currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the glycine derivative comprising is glycylglycine.

31. (cancelled).

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, comprising applying an effective amount of the glycine derivative represented by general formula (1) ~~parakeratosis inhibitor agent~~ to an external surface of skin.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~32~~ 28, comprising forming a ~~applying a parakeratosis inhibiting skin preparation~~ comprising the effective amount of the glycine derivative represented by general formula (1) ~~parakeratosis inhibitor agent~~ and applying the skin preparation to an external surface of skin.

34. (Cancelled).